

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-20. (Cancelled).

21.-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A container, comprising:

a base;

a pair of opposing endwalls, each of the pair of opposing endwalls including

(i) an endwall top portion,

(ii) an endwall interior surface,

(iii) an endwall exterior surface, and

(iv) an endwall support surface located on the endwall top portion, wherein

the endwall support surface further includes

a bail arm lock structure;

a pair of opposing sidewalls, each of the pair of opposing sidewalls including

(i) a sidewall top portion,

(ii) a sidewall interior surface,

(iii) a sidewall exterior surface,

(iv) an outer pair of notches extending downwardly from the corresponding

sidewall top portion,

(v) an inner pair of notches extending downwardly from the corresponding

sidewall top portion, and

(vi) a pair of receptacles, wherein each receptacle includes an opening; and

a pair of bail arms, each of the bail arm including

(i) a pair of receptacle engaging portions that are rotationally received within

the corresponding receptacle of each of the opposing sidewall,

(ii) a pair of crank members located adjacent to the receptacle engaging portions, and

(iii) an engaging portion located between each of a respective pair of crank members, wherein

when the engaging portions of each of the bail arms are placed on the corresponding endwall support surfaces, the container is configured to stack a second identical container in nested position, and further wherein

the bail arm lock structure is configured to substantially prevent the bail arm from moving inadvertently when the bail arm is substantially locked by the bail arm lock structure, wherein the bail arm lock structure comprises:

at least a first bail arm lock that is substantially vertical, and wherein the first bail arm lock includes

a bail arm lock interior surface with a radius of curvature substantially equal to a radius of the bail arm, and

a bail arm lock vertical portion that rises to a height above the endwall support surface that is at least as high as the radius of the bail arm.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 25, wherein the bail arm lock vertical portion rises to a height above the endwall support surface that is between about 50% and about 75% as high as the diameter of the bail arm.

28. (Currently Amended) A container, comprising:

a base;

a pair of opposing endwalls, each of the pair of opposing endwalls including

(i) an endwall top portion,

(ii) an endwall interior surface,

(iii) an endwall exterior surface, and

(iv) an endwall support surface located on the endwall top portion, wherein the endwall support surface further includes

a bail arm lock structure;

a pair of opposing sidewalls, each of the pair of opposing sidewalls including

(i) a sidewall top portion,

(ii) a sidewall interior surface,

(iii) a sidewall exterior surface,

(iv) an outer pair of notches extending downwardly from the corresponding sidewall top portion,

(v) an inner pair of notches extending downwardly from the corresponding sidewall top portion, and

(vi) a pair of receptacles, wherein each receptacle includes an opening; and a pair of bail arms, each of the bail arm including

(i) a pair of receptacle engaging portions that are rotationally received within the corresponding receptacle of each of the opposing sidewall,

(ii) a pair of crank members located adjacent to the receptacle engaging portions, and

(iii) an engaging portion located between each of a respective pair of crank members, wherein

when the engaging portions of each of the bail arms are placed on the corresponding endwall support surfaces, the container is configured to stack a second identical container in nested position, and further wherein

the bail arm lock structure is configured to substantially prevent the bail arm from moving inadvertently when the bail arm is substantially locked by the bail arm lock structure ~~The container according to claim 25,~~ wherein the bail arm lock structure comprises:

at least a first bail arm lock that is substantially vertical, and wherein the first bail arm lock includes

a bail arm lock interior surface with a radius of curvature substantially equal to a radius of the bail arm, and

a bail arm lock vertical portion that rises to a height above the endwall support surface that is at least as high as a centerline of the bail arm.

29. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 28, wherein the bail arm lock vertical portion rises to a height above the endwall upper surface that is between about 100% and about 150% as high as the centerline of the bail arm.

30. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 25, wherein the bail arms configured such that

(i) when the bail arms are placed in the corresponding inner pair of notches, the container is configured to stack the second identical container in a first stacking position that is higher than the nested position, and

(ii) when the bail arms are placed in the corresponding outer pair of notches, the container is configured to stack the second identical container in a second stacking position that is higher than the nested position and different than the first stacking position.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Withdrawn) A method of stacking a plurality of containers, comprising:

(a) determining whether to stack a second container in a fully nested configuration or a partially nested configuration or an un-nested configuration with respect to a first container;

(b) interfacing a container sidewall interlock system of the second container with a container sidewall interlock system of the first container when stacking the containers in either the fully nested configuration or the partially nested configuration;

(c) interfacing a pair of bail arms on the first container with a pair of bail arms grooves on the second container when stacking the containers in either the partially nested configuration or the un-nested configuration; and

(d) obtaining an additional container to stack and repeating steps (b) and (c) with respect to the additional container and the previously stacked container until there are no remaining additional containers to be stacked.

33. (Withdrawn) An automated bail arm placement system, comprising:
a link arm assembly configured to interface with a plurality of bail arms on a plurality of containers;
a memory configured to store a set of instructions; and
a processor configured to process the set of instructions stored in the memory wherein the link arm assembly interfaces with the plurality of bail arms to move at least one bail arm from any position to any other position.

34. (Withdrawn) A method for automatically moving a plurality of bail arms on a container, comprising:
positioning a container, the container including a plurality of bail arms, proximal to an automated bail arm placement system;
interfacing a link arm assembly with at least one of the bail arms; and
moving the at least one of the bail arms from any position to any other position.

35. (Previously Presented) A container, comprising:
a base;
a pair of opposing endwalls, each of the pair of opposing endwalls including
(i) an endwall top portion,
(ii) an endwall interior surface,
(iii) an endwall exterior surface, and
(iv) an endwall support surface located on the endwall top portion;
a pair of opposing sidewalls, each of the pair of opposing sidewalls including
(i) a sidewall top portion,
(ii) a sidewall interior surface,
(iii) a sidewall exterior surface,

(iv) an outer pair of notches extending downwardly from the corresponding sidewall top portion,

(v) an inner pair of notches extending downwardly from the corresponding sidewall top portion,

(vi) a pair of receptacles, wherein each receptacle includes an opening;

(vii) a plurality of handles openings, the handle openings located substantially centrally on each of the sidewalls and at an upper portion of each of the sidewalls,

(viii) a plurality of lifting areas, wherein

the lifting areas are located above the plurality of handle openings on each of the sidewalls on an interior surface of each of the sidewalls, and wherein the lifting areas include

a sloped surface of the sidewall, and

a plurality of finger recess areas located adjacent the sloped surface of the surface of the sidewall, wherein

the sloped surface of the sidewall and the plurality of finger recesses are configured to provide an ergonomic gripping surface for a user to grip and lift the container;

a pair of bail arms, each bail arm including

(i) a pair of receptacle engaging portions that are rotationally received within the corresponding receptacle of the opposing sidewalls,

(ii) a pair of crank members located adjacent to each of a corresponding receptacle engaging portions, and

(iii) an engaging portion located between each of a respective pair of crank members,

wherein when the engaging portions of the bail arms are placed on the corresponding endwall support surface, the container is configured to stack the second identical container in nested position, and

the bail arms being configured such that

(i) when the bail arms are placed in the corresponding inner pairs of notches, the container is configured to stack the second identical container in a first stacking position that is higher than the nested position, and

(ii) when the bail arms are placed in the corresponding outer pairs of notches, the container is configured to stack the second identical container in a second stacking position that is higher than the nested position and at a position different than the first stacking position wherein the beveled ledge located on the endwall interior surface and the substantially horizontally oriented openings located substantially centrally on a lower portion of the endwall at or below the beveled edge are configured to

provide a partially enclosed path to circulate air from a first endwall to a second endwall through a plurality of trays located on the upper surface of the base.

36. (Cancelled)